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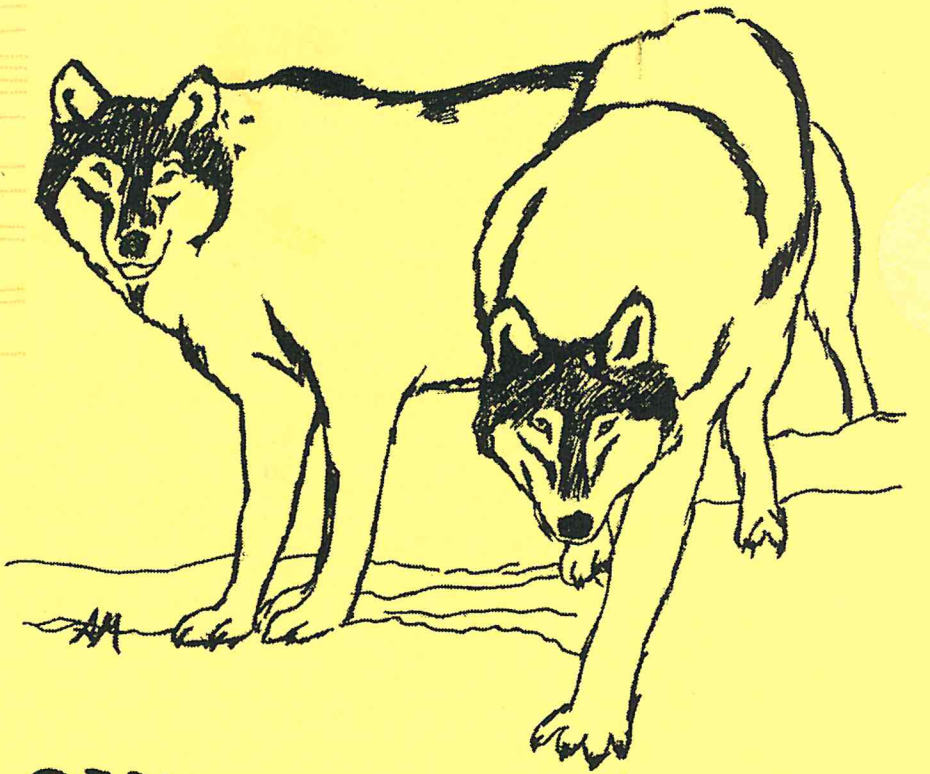

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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

11	CITADEL TWELFTH NIGHT *Citadel of the Southern Pass*
11	SOUTHERN REGIONAL WAR PRACTICE *Citadel*
25	WINTER WOLF** *Blaiddwyn*

FEBRUARY

1	SOUTHERN WAR PRACTICE** *St. Golias*
12-17	ESTRELLA WAR XIX** *Phoenix*

MARCH

8-9	OUTLANDS CROWN TOURNEY** *al-Barran*
29-30	AL-BARRAN'S SPRING HORSE FAIRE**
29-30	KINGDOM HERALDS & SCRIBES *Caerthe*

** *Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies*

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the noble and gracious population of al- Barran from your Baron and Baroness, Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina. We pray the holidays have been good for you and hope the next year is better for us all.

We thank THL Ryan, THL Tana, and Baroness Emma, and their staff of many, for their efforts toward a magnificent Midwinter. We were very, very pleased with everything, from the awesome decorations, to the delicious feast. Your hours of dedication to this event are commendable. Huzzah to your great efforts!

The time has come. WAR!! As you read this missive, the armies of the Outlands are assembling. His Majesty summons all able bodied warriors to stand with us, as the hoards of the enemy approach. We ask all others to support the war effort however you can. We will hold war practice every Sunday until Estrella, so there are many days to come in which to hone your battle skills.

We invite one and all to join us on January 11th in the Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass for Twelfth Night and war practice. We always enjoy visiting our southern neighbors, as their hospitality is outstanding. This is also a great opportunity to practice with other members of the Kingdom.

We look forward to attending Winter Wolf and St. Golias War practice, as we make ready our arms and armor, in preparation for Estrella War.

Sir Trevor *Fermina*

From the Hospitaller

Greeting Unto the Populace,

I do hope that all had a very festive holiday. I just wanted to thank all that have helped me in the past year and I look forward to what lies before us in the year to come.

We have had some outstanding demos in 2002; let's keep up the good work. Thank you to all that helped organize them as well as all who showed up to set the scenery just right. Now remember, if you wish to hold a demo or know someone who would like for us to hold a demo please contact me for a request form.

My deputies and I have already started on some new ideas and projects for the coming year and are excited about getting them up and running. As always if you need anything just contact us or catch up with us at fighter practice.

Safe Travels
Lady Bronwen Blackwell

From the Chronicler

Greetings Unto All on this new day of a New Year,

Thank you Adelena Maria, for January's cover art. Check out the back cover for the 2nd of 3 siege engine cartoons inspired by last Estrella War from the pen of Eldoneric, thank you Eldoneric. Don't forget to check out Michael McQuillan's *Pony World*, thank you Michael McQuillan.

Check out the articles, and camping list in this issue for help in your War preparations. As always I am seeking artwork, poems, etc. for printing in the *Baronial Shaft* and also *The Newcomer's Guide*, which will return to al-Barran's website in the coming months.

In Service,
Lady Kathws Rusa

Masked Ball Thank You

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all that helped with the Masked Ball. I had a wonderful event and we raised 37 toys for Toys for Tots. I know I'm going to forget someone who made my life easier that day so I want to thank every one of you I may not be able to name you today but I appreciate you forever. Thank you to Jade for working troll, to Lady Tessa for her support while I was going crazy, to Lady Isabella for leading the dancing, to Lady Bronwyn, and Fiona for help with set up and clean-up, and to Lady Divina and Lord Raebar for the magnificent feast, a special thanks to Lord Wulfgar and Lady Danica for their assistance, and to Thrail Bloodheart for coming in before and after work to lend an extra hand. To the populace thank you for making the event without you it doesn't happen.

In service,
Lady Dalia d'Auria

al-Barran T-Shirts for WAR

My lords and ladies,

Have you ever been up in the morning before an event and said to yourself "What am I going to wear to the gate?" or "What would look cool as I stroll up to the troll?" Well, the Barony of al-Barran has an answer for you.

T-shirts with the baronial badge will be for sale at fighter practice park from now until WAR (or until we run out). Look for Lady Isabella and she can dress you in al-Barrans' finest for a pittance of $15.00.

But wait! There's more! Buy yours soon and we will throw in a FREE Outlandish 28 t-shirt, my personal favorite, of like size. It feels good, looks good, and if you don't wash it much it will stand up by itself!

But wait! There's more! Be one of the first to get yours (or the last) and Lady Isabella will personally throw in one of her incomparable smiles absolutely FREE. A value that is worth $15.00 on its own.

So don't wait, supplies are limited, literally. Make that statement at the gate at WAR and let all tremble before you because you are from al-Barran!

Stjerne

From the al-Barran War Coordinator

Greetings unto al-Barran!

We have enjoyed the feasts of mid-winter and we see that winter will end. It is time to prepare for war!!!

I will be coordinating rides (those needing rides and those that can give rides) and the hauling of equipment (to and from the event). If you need a ride or wish to have your equipment hauled then I will need to know:
--When do you (or your equipment) wish to leave? Return?
--Special requests for traveling (e.g. non-smoking, do not care, frequent stops for personal reasons)
--Willing to help drive (proof of insurance)? Help pay for fuel?
--How is your equipment CLEARLY identified with indestructible labels/tags?

If you are able to provide a ride then I will need to know:
--When are you planning on going and returning?
--Do you have special requests (e.g. non-smoking, quiet versus story teller versus someone with a good CD collection)?
--Do you require that the rider helps drive? pays for fuel?
--Are able to transport a person? equipment? both?

Please look for announcements on the al-Barran list-serve, in the Baronial Shaft, and on the announcement board at the park on Sundays.

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Making and Drying Jerky

Beef cuts that work best are: flank, round, sirloin tip cuts work better than cheaper cuts with more fat and bones. One of the less pricy to make jerky is made with a lean ground beef. About 4 pounds of lean boneless meat will yield one pound of jerky. It is best to have the butcher (yes even a chain grocery store will have one) cut your meat into uniform strip of 3/16 to 1/4 inch thick. If you slice the meat without an electric slicer, partially freeze it first to make it easier to cut the slices. Cut across grain of the meat for increased tenderness. Remove excess fat as it does not dry out in the drying process, and it may cause your jerky to go rancid.

Other meats: yes you can dry lamb, pork, chicken, turkey, fish, but I have just done beef so far; so I can't give a lot of instruction on drying any other meat. Some of the things I have read is that with these meats you want to actually cook the meat before making it into jerky, something about the drying heat for jerky being to low and possibly promoting the growth of bacteria.

Dehydrator drying— use a temperature of 140 to 160 degrees for the first 3 to 4 hours. The temperature may be reduced to as low as 130 degrees after 4 hours until dry if so desires. Occasionally blot the jerky with paper towels as it dries to remove beads of oil. In my dehydrator is takes about 24 hours to dry 5 pounds of ground beef into jerky, 12 hours for 2 to 3 pounds of ground beef.

Oven drying— use a temperature of 140 to 160 degrees for the first 8 to 10 hours. With the oven door kept open 3 to 4 inches during the whole drying process After that it may be lowered to 130 degrees until dry. Place aluminum foil or a baking sheet underneath the drying tray to catch the drippings. The drying tray(s) can be made out of metal window screening and a wood frame that is 1 1/2 inches smaller both ways than your oven's interior dimensions. Leave 2-3 inches circulation room between drying trays. Leave 3 inches clearance between trays and top & bottom of oven. Oven drying will take longer than dehydrator drying, often as much as twice the time. Occasionally blot the jerky with paper towels as it dries to remove beads of oil.

Teriyaki Jerky Recipe

1/2 tsp salt
1/8 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp ground ginger
2 Tbs brown sugar
1 garlic clove, crushed
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 lb. Lean meat, thinly sliced (1/4")

In a small bowl, combine all ingredients except meat. Stir to mix well. Place meat 3 or 4 layers deep in a glass, stoneware, plastic or stainless steel container, spooning soy sauce mixture over each layer. Cover tightly. Marinate 6 to 12 hours in the refrigerator, stirring occasionally and keeping the mixture tightly covered. Makes 1/4 pound jerky.

Middle Eastern Jerky Recipe (a dry rub cure)

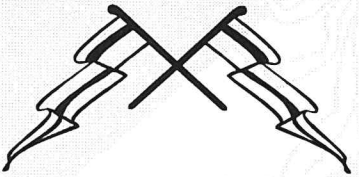
1 tsp salt
1/8 tsp pepper
1-1/2 tsp coriander
1/4 tsp chili powder
1/4 tsp ground ginger
1/4 tsp turmeric
1/8 tsp ground cumin
1 lb. Lean meat, thinly sliced (1/4")

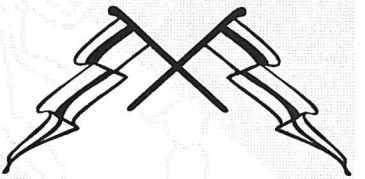
In a small bowl, combine all ingredients except meat. Stir to mix well. Place meat slices in a single layer on a clean flat surface. Generously sprinkle both sides with the salt mixture. Place the meat strips in at tightly covered glass, stoneware, plastic or stainless steel container. Marinate 6 to 12 hours in the refrigerator, stirring occasionally and keeping the mixture tightly covered. Makes 1/4 pound jerky.

Western Bar-B-Q Jerky

1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1/8 tsp cayenne pepper
1 tsp onion powder
1/2 tsp garlic powder
1 tsp dry mustard
3 Tbs brown sugar
1/3 cup red wine vinegar
1/3 cup ketchup
1 lb. Lean meat, thinly sliced (1/4")

In a small bowl, combine all ingredients except meat. Stir to mix well. Place meat 3 or 4 layers deep in a glass, stoneware, plastic or stainless steel container, spooning vinegar mixture over each layer. Cover tightly. Marinate 6 to 12 hours in the refrigerator, stirring occasionally and keeping the mixture tightly covered. Makes 1/4 pound jerky.





Some Thoughts on a Safe War

To one and all, please allow me to state what may be obvious for some of you.

al-Barran has always made a huge impact at war. We travel and setup large encampments, field an army of significant size, and revel with the best. We are also known as being smart.

Please make sure that your encampment has plenty of clean water for drinking and washing dishes. Include a bottle of bleach to add to the final rinse water to help wipe out "bugs". Remember to insulate yourself from the ground (1/2" to an 1" of space between you and the ground works well) since your body is not going to warm up mother earth to 98.6 degrees. Include potatoes in your food bins and if the weather is cold, cook and eat one at night before going to bed (the carbs will keep you very warm). If the weather is really cold, place the clothes that you are going to wear the next day inside your bed (towards the bottom works well). Anyone that is fighting or exerting themselves during the day should drink plenty of water. Remember, beer and other alcoholic beverages take away water - not replenish it.

Most importantly, do not place ANY propane/gas heaters or devices in your tent. They use up the air that you breathe. Find some friendly al-Barranians to share the tent or the bed to keep warm. There is a saying that one Eskimo will freeze to death but two will not.

Sir Dennis the Wright

Citadel Twelfth Night War Practice

WILL START AT 10AM AT MEMORIAL PARK (our traditional site).

Directions: Take I-10 or US 54 to the Copia exit. Go north until you go under the rail road tracks. Turn Left on Copper. Turn left again at the park. The road curves right. We will be at the South side of the park.

From the feast site: Go south to Montana. Turn right (East). Go over the freeway (US 54) to Copia. Turn right (North) on Copia. Left on Copper to the park.

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Sunday	Monday	Tue
5 Fighter & Rapier Practice	6 Gammer Gurton's Needle	
12 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing	13 Gammer Gurton's Needle	
19 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing	20 Gammer Gurton's Needle	
26 Fighter & Rapier Practice	27 Gammer Gurton's Needle	

Exeter Riddle No. 5

I'm by nature solitary, scarred by iron
and wounded by sword, weary of battle.
I often see the face of war, and fight
hateful enemies; yet I hold no hope
of help being brought to me in battle
before I'm cut to pieces and perish.
At the city wall sharp-edged sword,
skillfully forged in the flames by smiths,
bite deeply into me. I must await
a more fearsome encounter; it is not for me
to find a physician on the battlefield,
one of those men who heals wounds with herbs.
My sword wounds gape wide and wider;
death blows are dealt me by day and by night.

Exeter Riddle No. 17

Confined by a wire fence, and filled
with princely treasures, I'm the bulwark
of my people. Many is the morning
I spew spear-terror; the more I'm fed,
the greater my strength. My guardian watches
how darts whistle out of my belly.
At times I almost swallow the burnished
dark bolts, the baleful weapons,
searing poisoned spears, esteemed by warriors.
Men remember what issues from my mouth.

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esday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 *Happy New Year's Day!*	2	3	4 Archery Practice Northern Regional War Practice *Caerthe*
7	8	9 A&S Knowledge Exchanges & Workshops	10	11 *Citadel 12th Night* Southern Regional War Practice *Citadel*
14	15	16	17 Weaving Knowledge Exchanges & Workshops	18 Archery Practice
21 CITIZEN'S MEETING	22	23 A&S Knowledge Exchanges & Workshops	24	25 *Winter Wolf*
28	29	30	31	*Only 12 days until Estrella War starts!*

January 1 Happy New Year's Day!
January 5 Befana
January 6 Epiphany (or 12th night)
January 18 Full Moon
January 20 Martin Luther King Jr Day
January 31 Happy Chinese New Year's Eve!

Regional War Practices

January 11, 2003: Southern Regional War Practice *Citadel*

February 1, 2003: Southern Regional War Practice *St. Golias*

A Generic SCA Camping List

Pavilion/Tent Stuff
-Tent, poles, stakes, floor cloth & plastic tarp for under floor cloth
-Sledgehammer & extra stakes
-Plastic container to transport folded up tent (becomes tub/shower at site)
-Portable hole for center pole, finial for top of tent
-Dining/sunshade, poles, rope, stakes
-Extra rope, duct tape & whisk broom for interior of tent
-Rugs, wall hangings & Solar shower bag

Camping Equipment
-Camp chair(s), folding table(s) Sleeping bag(s) (or bedding), cot/mattress (s)
-Matches, lighter & charcoal starter fluid (for those stubborn fires)
-Flashlight(s), & chem lights & candles in protective containers
-Lantern(s), torches, oil for torches & funnel for oil for torches
-Propane heater, for warming up tent

Clothing
-Comfortable shoes, plus a spare & boots for at night
-Belt(s), sashes, and money pouch(es)
-Tunics, under tunics, pants (in other words your garb)
-Robe/shower tunic for after showering
-Under things, dry socks in ziplock bags
-Jewelry, Awards & Cloak
-Head coverings and/or hats
-Sunglasses, sunhat

Grooming
-Biodegradable soap, shampoo, towels, washcloths & nailbrush
-Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash & deodorant
-Hairbrush, hair ties, makeup, chapstick, & hand lotion
-Mirror & safety pins, earplugs!
-Contacts and solution, glasses if needed
-Bug spray
-good SUNBLOCK & aloe vera gel

Kitchen
-Waterbottles/waterjug(s)
-Food--precooked rice in plastic bags (this can be frozen), bagels, oranges, almonds, raisins, cheese, apple juice, fresh herbs, etc.
-Wooden bowl, goblet, spoon, two-tined fork & dagger
-Paper towels, baby wipes or disinfecting wipes
-Cutting board & good cutting knives
-Dish soap, bleach (for rinse water), scrubber sponge/steel wool, washbasin, utility towels--for dishes/wiping up
-Dutch oven, pots & pans, griddle
-Corkscrew/bottle opener
-Tablecloth
-Oil, spices, herbs, salt & pepper
-Foil & gallon ziplock bags
-Tongs for fire, tongs for food
-Ladle & serving spoon
-Trash bags

Personal
-Toilet paper, tissues
-I.D. with photo, money, bank card, phone card
-Any prescription medications, ibuprofen, Pepto-Bismol tablets, sleeping pills & HAY FEVER MEDS! That are needed
-Site pre-registration, if any, & directions to site
-Hotel reservations, plane tickets, if any & directions to hotel
-Camera and lots of film!
-Favor, banner & pieces of cloth to cover non-period boxes, etc...
-Gifts for friends, book, pen, paper, musical instrument & music if needed
-Liquor, and non alcoholic drinks
-Needlework & emergency sewing kit

Safety
-Cell phone
-Fire extinguishers (2 –for tent &fire)
-First aid kit

Citadel Twelfth Night

Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass
January 11th A.S. XXXVII (2003)
Site: Loretto Academy, 1200 Hardaway, El Paso, Tx 79903
Site opens: 9 am and closes: 11 pm
Fees (all include feast):Adult- $15.00;
children (ages 7-14)-$8.00; children (ages 7 & under)-free**
Site is discreetly wet when guard is present

Their Excellencies Sir Conrade and Mistress Leah, Baron and Baroness of the Citadel of the Southern Pass invite you to join them on the pilgrimage road. Pause on your journey to feast with them in the Citadel on the 11th day of January. Enjoy the exotic foods from around the known world, and bask in the atmosphere of the medieval pilgrimage road. We hope to present a Mystery Play for the edification of one an all. There will be war practice for the Southern Army, time to be announced. We have SHOWERS there!

Directions to the site: Take I-10 to Raynolds Exit. Go north on Raynolds past Montana a couple of blocks. The Loretto Academy has a very visible tower, and there will be SCA signs directing you into the Academy's parking lot. *(Look for directions to War Practice on page 10)*

For reservations contact the autocrat (no need to prepay).

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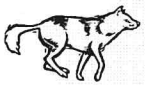
****Note**: You MUST bring proof of membership, or we will be forced to charge you the $3.00 non- member surcharge.



Winter Wolf

College of Blaiddwyn
January 25th A.S. XXXVII (2003)
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131
Site opens: 11am; Site Closes: 8 pm
Site Fee: FREE
The site is: DRY

Hear the chilling howl of the wind thru the sleeping trees on al-Barran's lands. A silver wolf raises his muzzle skyward catching the scent of far off danger in the air. He throws his mighty head back and his howl joins the winter winds. The rest of the pack in the near forest joins their brother's cry filling the snowy land. The chorus of howls rises ever skyward and across the lands warning "We are pack. To attack one is to attack us all!" Who among you will have the strength to lead our wolves to WAR! Heavy fighters far and wide are welcomed to participate for the honor of Wolves Champion and be the College of Blaiddwyn's Freki (Fierce) leader. The college will also

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be hosting a Light Tournament & Defender of the Lore competition. We will be having many A&S Classes and a potluck dinner to follow the day's events.

The theme for this years event is "Prepping For War." There will be several classes whose teaching will be geared towards items that will be admissible as War points for Estrella. Here is a class list: SCA Graces - The do's and don'ts - Adelena , Heavy Tournament - List class - Lady Danica, Light Tournament - List Class - Lady Danica, Hat Making - THL Tana, Late Period Accessories - Lady Margaret Hepburn, Beginning Drumming - Lord Tempus, Carefree Camp Cooking – or how not to take out half the Barony in one meal - Ban–Filidh Cailte, Belly dancing - Petra, War Strategies - HG Sir Koris - Putting the strategies into action - Lord Talan – {These two classes are tied into each other}, Lady Emer will be teaching Black work and there may be even more classes...) No Site Fee will be charged, but there may be a donation requested for specific classes. Classes will run from 12:00 until 4:00-ish, with a potluck dinner following and the Defender of the Lore bardic competition as the entertainment. The list for the tournaments will open at 11:00. A schedule of classes will be posted on the College Web Site **(http://www.unm.edu/~sca)** and on the al-Barran and Outlands lists.

Directions to the Site: From I-25, take the Martin Luther King, Jr. exit east towards the mountain. Go past the light at the intersection of MLK, Jr. and University onto UNM campus. Turn left onto Redondo Road and take the first right into parking area. From the parking area, walk northeast to the Duck Pond.

For more information you can call or email the autocrat - Lady Danica Nemanjaviaea at (505) 292-5649; email dleahneumann@yahoo.com
Or the co-autocrat Adelena Marie at (505) 710-1767;
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Southern War Practice

The College of Saint Golias
Saturday, February 1, AS XXXVII (2003)
New Mexico Tech Athletic Field
801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801
Site Opens: 9:00 am, closes: 5:00 pm
Site Fee: $2 ($5 for non members)
The site is dry, no pets allowed

It is two weekends to war and every practice counts. It is time to make sure EVERYONE is ready. That is what Southern War Practice is for. We will have sandwiches, fruit, and drinks for lunch, and waterbearers galore. There is an indoor room for people wishing to finish those last minute projects (you mean you need MORE garb?), and showers for those who are stinky. Come on out, and make SURE you are ready.

Directions to the site: *From the North:* Take I-25 south to Exit 150. Turn right at the third traffic light. Turn left at the second stop sign. Go to the second stop sign (again) and turn right. Take the next immediate right into the SAC (Student Activity Center) parking lot, which is next to the Athletic Field. *From the South:* Take I-25 north to either *A)* Exit 150 and follow the above

instructions, *or B)* Take Exit 147 and head north to make a left turn at the fourth traffic light. Turn left at the second stop sign. Go to the second stop sign (again) and turn right. Take the next immediate right into the SAC (Student Activity Center) parking lot, which is next to the Athletic Field.

Autocrat: Auria of Golias (Mandy McCleary) 1212 El Camino Real Apt 32, Socorro, NM 87801; phone- 505-835-2914 (home) 505-835-6035 no calls before 8 am.

Crown Tournament

Barony of Al-Barran
March 8, AS XXXVII (2003)
Site opens, 9:00 am; closes: 11:00 pm
Site Fee: $15
The site is wet, however it must be bought on site

Their Majesties are in need of Heirs. They call all good warriors of the Kingdom of the Outlands to attend them in the Barony of al-Barran to help determine who would be Prince and Princess of the Outlands. This will be done in good Outlands fashion, by right of arms! So come and join us in fighting, feasting and the crowning of Their Majesties Heirs.

Directions to the site: Take your best route to I-25 and Central Avenue exit. Go east (towards the mountains) on Central to the San Pedro light. Turn north (left) on San Pedro to Copper street light. At Copper light turn east into the Gate 3 of the New Mexico State Fairgrounds. Follow the SCA signs straight to the African-American Pavilion. Parking is free as long as you are in garb when you meet the parking attendants. If you are not in garb parking is $2.00.

Autocrat: Duchess Elisheva (Corinne Dowd), 11400 Rosemont NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112, phone- 505-237-2157, email- dchssheva@aol.com
Reservations contact Lady Danica at dleahneumann@yahoo.com

Al-Barran's Spring Horse Faire

Barony of al-Barran
March 29th & 30th, A.S. XXXVII (2003)
Helen's Horse House
17 Hobbs Rd. Peralta, NM 87031
Site Opens: 8:00 am on Sat. Site Closes: 5:00 pm on Sun.
Site Fee: FREE
Alcohol Status: Bone Dry

Come one and all to al-Barran's Spring Horse Faire for two days full of all sorts of horse fun! Bring your horses, your best barding and a desire to have fun. If you do not own a horse but still wish to participate we will have mounts available for you to try, and as always ground crew is always needed and very welcome. There will be activities for all levels of equestrians, from expert horsemen to those who are novices. This event will bedazzle the eye, so come, if for nothing else, to watch our Kingdom's valiant steeds in action.

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There will be authorizing marshals on site if you absolutely need to be authorized that day. The Marshal's preference is for you to become authorized at the level at which you wish to compete before the event itself. You can do so at any equestrian practice. There will be trailer parking space and overnight boarding for those who have traveled from afar. Please contact the autocrat if you wish to bring horses so we can make appropriate arrangements for day pens and/or overnight accommodations. Reservations for horses brought on site would be appreciated at least 2 weeks in advance of the event. The cost for overnight boarding will be $12.00; this includes grass hay or alfalfa, fresh water and a clean stall.

Sorry, though we have accommodations for our steeds there will be no on site camping. Please contact the autocrat for crash space. We also ask that no pets be brought on site. The site is bone dry.

Directions to the site: Go south on I-25 past Albuquerque and take exit 215, South 47/ Broadway. Veer left toward Isleta after the exit and you will be on 47 south. It is approximately 9 miles from exit 215 to Molina Rd., through the Isleta pueblo and Bosque farms. You will pass North Bosque loop and then South Bosque loop, then there will be a large curve to the left, begin looking for school crossing signs. Immediately after the school crossing signs turn left on Molina. Continue on Molina, go past the large stop sign, and look for Hobbs St. on your right. Turn right on Hobbs go to the end of the road, turn right and you are there.

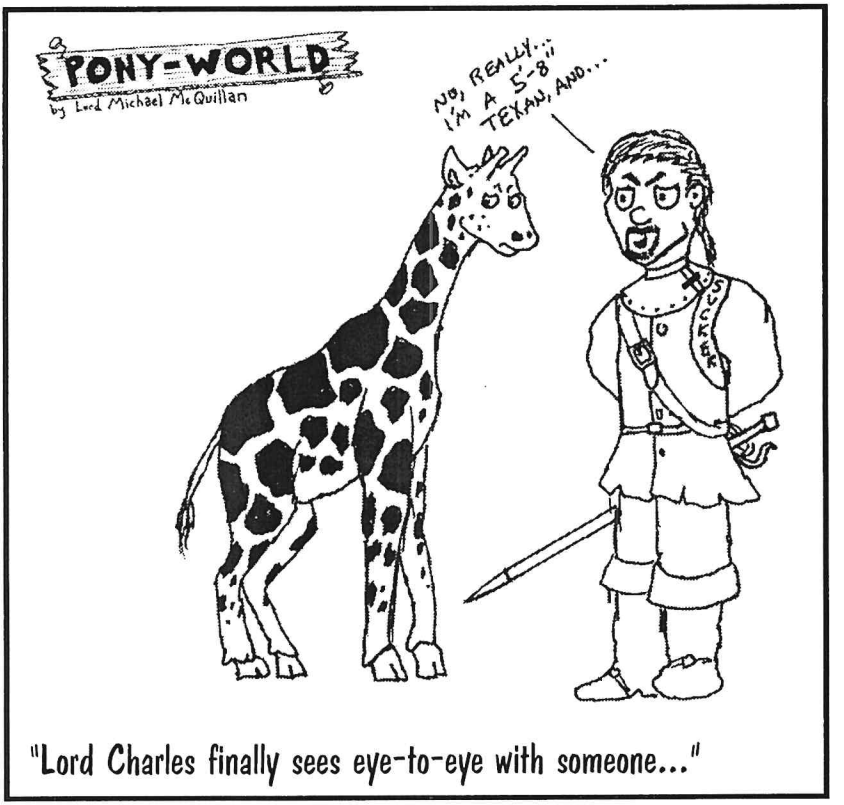
Event Autocrat: Aziza al Kashani (Jennifer Cunico) 1304 Kentucky NE Albuquerque, NM 87110 (505) 256-4568 jenopie@worldnet.att.net
Equestrian Marshall in Charge: Lady Dubheasa (505) 232-2608
Food: Provided by Lord Vladimir and The Honorable Lady Sabia

Midwinter Thank You

Unto the populace of al-Barran do your 2002 Midwinter autocrats send greetings!

Thank you, thank you, thank you all for your participation in this glorious event. Our vision for Midwinter was quite grand and without the help of many hands this event would not have been possible:

THL Morris, Lady Somisowhel, and "the crew" that brought you the feast, Master Adam for being the "voice of the feast," Master Balthazar and all the servers, Lady Barbara and the tavern team for hosting a delightful tavern, Syr Cameron, HE Sebastian and Clan Tynker, the lighting effects department, THL Connor, our minister of transport, Lady Danica and everyone that helped with the gate, Mistress Monica and all the dessert contest entrants for their delightful contributions, Lady Shoshana and all the entertainers for setting the mood so wonderfully, Master Tomas for providing, keeping, and setting up the wonderful backdrop, the merchants for making the Bazaar come to life, Wanderlust for keeping us safe with the donation of site tokens and decorations, all those that helped create the decorations: Lady Bridget, Brendan, Mistress Celine, Lady Elise, THL James David, Ethel (mom), and all the others that donated time, material, and ideas!



"Lord Charles finally sees eye-to-eye with someone..."

Though this list is long, it cannot encompass all those that helped us bring our vision for Midwinter to reality. For all those that helped cook, serve, keep the gate, perform, setup, create the decorations, enhance the atmosphere, and especially those good folks that stayed to the end of cleanup, thank you again.

A special thank you also to Their Excellencies for allowing us the opportunity, and believing in our vision, and to Their Majesties for Their attendance.

Yours in service,

Baroness Emma of Essex
THL Tana a le Espirit Forte
THL Ryan de Caergybi
Autocrats, al-Barran Midwinter 2002

Gammer Gurton's Needle

METAL THREAD EMBOIDERY WORKSHOP TO BEGIN THE NEW YEAR
Happy New Year from Gammer Gurton's Needle! In January, we will meet at Duchess Leah's 's house at 617 Alvarado SE. Alvarado is between San Mateo and San Pedro and her house is in the block south of Zuni. Call her at 256-9806 if you need more directions. We begin the New Year with a workshop on metal thread embroidery led by Emir. This is an exciting and endlessly creative embroidery technique using beautiful materials. Metal thread was used in all periods. Use the proper design for your Period and embellish! The workshop begins the second Monday in January.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacis, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, cardweaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7 pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. If you can't make the meetings, we have copies of instructions and patterns and can make arrangements for individual meetings with teachers.
Website: **http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/**

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.

Court Dancing Article

For January Court Dance practices at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park) will be from 12:30 to 2:30 pm on Sundays, January 12th and 19th. The classes are free and anyone, age 7 and up is welcome. For more information please contact me at 293-7453.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Barbara

Exeter Riddle No. 76

I saw a woman, solitary, brooding.

Equestrian Practice

Practice will be held on the third Saturday of each month starting at 11:00 am. The following dates have been set aside for practice. *Please call Lady Dubheasa at 232-2608 for directions to the site and for whether a practice is happening.*

2003
January: 18th.
February: 22nd.

Exeter Riddle No. 74

I was once a young woman,
a glorious warrior, a gray-haired queen.
I soared with birds, stepped on the earth,
swam in the sea - dived under waves,
languid amongst fishes. I had a living spirit.

Web Sites

Al-Barran's website: http://www.al-barran.org

Blaiddwyn's website: http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html

Outlands' website: http://www.outlands.org

SCA's website: http://www.sca.org

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice
Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord Mordygan 286-0870*

Rapier Practice
Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Coimneach 343-8362*

Archery Practice
1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Master Torc's & Lady Sylvia's home. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting
3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Stjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting
The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 pm, at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia's home, 1223 Fruit St NW, Albuquerque. *Contact: THL Pendar 866-4369 for additional information and for directions call Alia or Cathyn at 244-9525.*

Court Dance Practice
For January Court Dance practices will be held on Sundays, January 12th and 19th and the times are 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park) Everyone, ages 7 and up are welcome. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453 for dates of practice.*

Equestrian Practice
Practice will be held on the first and third Thursday from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm and on the third Saturday starting at 11:00 am. The following dates have been set aside for practice in the coming months. Dates so far for 2003 January: 18th. February: 22nd. *Please call Lady Dubheasa at 232-2608 for directions to the site and for whether a practice is happening.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle
The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops
Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Scia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops
The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave
Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*

Where the extras in this issue from:

The Exeter Riddles are located at: http://www.technozen.com/exeter/index.htm
Calendar holiday dates: http://www.web-holidays.com/index.asp
Jerky recipes and preparation information from *How to Dry Foods* by Deanna DeLong, ISBN 1557880506
Chronicler files: SCA camping checklist

Clipart in this issue from:

Medieval Illustrations, a Clip Art book by Maggie Kate, Dover pub.; Chronicler files; http://www.geocities.com/kyls_clipart/kyls_clipart.html

Answers for The Exeter Riddles in this issue

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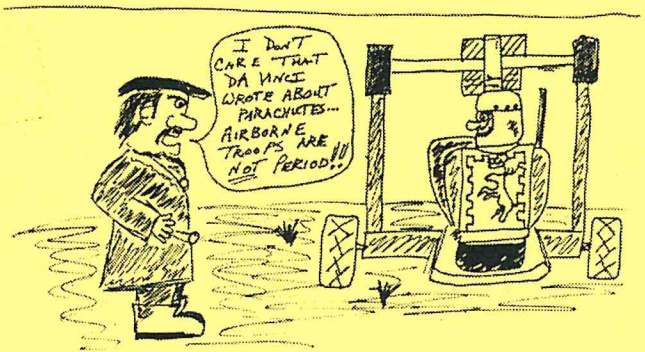

*I don't care that Da Vinci wrote about parachutes... Airborne troops are **NOT** period!!*

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